

IT'S GERMANY'S MOVE ON BLOCKADE THREAT; AMERICA HAS SPOKEN

President and Cabinet in Important Conference Over Danger to Ships. No Further Move Expected Now by U. S.

Government Stands by Warning That Germany Will Be Held "Accountable," While Berlin Disclaims Responsibility for Neutral Losses.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—America has spoken on the German "war zone." Germany has spoken. All that remains is for Germany to "do" something. America declares it will hold Germany to strict accountability for what is done.

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SUBMARINE RIPS NEUTRAL SHIP

Continued from Page One on, came reports today that other Zeppelins had been sighted in the air.

It is believed here that they are scouting and that they have a general plan whereby they can signal the approach of ships to the various German submarine bases.

This is the first time, with the exception of the raid along the British coast, that the Zeppelins have actually been real factors in the war operations. It is generally believed that not only will they be used as scouts, but that another visitation can be expected from them at the first favorable opportunity.

That such a raid is expected is indicated by the extreme precautions taken in all of the coast cities. Anti-air craft guns have been mounted at many points and double crews are in attendance at all times.

Further precautions in connection with the displaying of lights are being taken.

Although the German threats have intimated that the blockade would be general, this suspicion was inclined to the belief that few of the German undersea boats would venture out of the Channel and the North Sea.

They believe that the Liverpool shipping is in no particular danger despite the fact that German submarines already have made raids in the Irish Sea.

Further losses of ships are expected tonight. The German submarines have now had time to make their agreed-on bases and they are certain to try to sink every ship they encounter.

Whether the Norwegian Government will protest the torpedoing of the Helgeland is not yet known.

BRITAIN SUSPENDS ALL TRAVEL TO CONTINENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Ambassador Page, at London, today cabled the State Department that the British Admiralty has suspended all travel between England and the Continent of Europe until further notice.

The Ambassador's message merely told of the Admiralty's decision and gave no indication of the action by the British authorities.

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"REDDY JAKE" FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT

Melnicoff Convicted on the Testimony of "Young Jack" Hanlon, Pugilist.

"Reddy Jake" Melnicoff, tenderloin character and gangster, was convicted of assault and battery on "Young Jack" Hanlon, a pugilist, today, by a jury in the Quarter Sessions Court after an hour's deliberation.

Previously, Louis Blumberg, of 7th and Rodman, who was with Melnicoff when the attack was made on the prize fighter, was also found guilty. Judge Little deferred sentence on both men following applications for a new trial.

Details of the underworld feud between Melnicoff and Hanlon were presented and caught eagerly by many men and women of the underworld, who doubted that "Young Jack" would squeal on "Reddy Jake."

Hanlon testified that he had left a crap game in a building at 6th and Vine streets on November 23, and Melnicoff and Blumberg were standing on the steps. He said that the two men brushed against him and felt his pockets for weapons, but he had none at the time.

"I walked to the corner," said Hanlon, "and said I guess you told Max Zura that I called him a stool pigeon," and while he was talking to me he cut me.

Bloomer, it was testified, was standing nearby with two revolvers. He then took one of the revolvers and handed back the knife which he used to slash Hanlon's face. Hanlon said he did not run because he was afraid of being shot, but took off his coat and declared his willingness to fight Melnicoff even though he had the knife in his possession.

Assistant District Attorney Rogers derisively referred to Melnicoff as "a white rat" and with a halo about his head," and in summing up his case to the jury declared that the habit of gangsters and ruffians in settling their disputes themselves must be stopped.

WANT TO HEAR RODEHEAVER

Central High Boys Expected to Peticion Education Board.

Students of the Central High School, it is expected, will sign a petition on Monday requesting the school board to permit Homer A. Rodeheaver, "Billy" Sunday's lieutenant, to speak at the school on cigarettes and sex hygiene.

BIG ZEPPELIN BURNED WHEN HIT BY STORM

Second Dirigible Lost by Germans—Crew Interned by Danish Authorities.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 19.—That the Germans have now lost two Zeppelins in connection with their attempted enforcement of the British blockade from under seas and the air is admitted. The two vessels wrecked are the L-3, destroyed Wednesday, and the L-4, abandoned last night after being fired by its crew.

The captain, Count Platen-Hallerlund; one lieutenant, one deck officer and eight petty officers have been taken in charge by the Danish authorities and will be interned with the crew of the L-3 until after the war.

Both of Captain Hallerlund's legs were broken when he abandoned his ship. The survivors of the L-4 attempted to conceal their whereabouts when taken to Esbjerg. They declared at the official inquiry that they had escaped from a wrecked fishing boat which struck a mine, but the magistrates refused to credit their story.

In Wednesday night's storm, they said, the dirigible got into difficulties. They tried to start in the teeth of the gale but the motor smashed as they neared shore, and, driven down by the snow, the captain gave orders to set the ship on fire and leap for their lives.

The survivors swam about, clinging to the wreckage, until eventually reached shore near Varde, where, realizing they were on neutral ground, they made for the railway station and tried to escape by a passing train.

BEQUEST OF \$200 A YEAR TO BRYN MAWR CHURCH

Sallie Shaffer Leaves Annuity to Lower Merion Baptists.

The trustees of the Lower Merion Baptist Church at Bryn Mawr will receive \$200 from the \$300 estate of Sallie Shaffer, who died at 1524 North 25th street.

Other wills probated include those of Emily L. Taylor, 302 North Broad street, who left a \$100 estate; John McCoy, 1712 East Moyamensing avenue, \$13,800; Thomas McLees, \$10,417; William J. Robinson, 2123 North Alden street, \$10,000; George E. Brown, 1319 Thompson street, \$200; Louise W. Gregory, 238 North 27th street, \$500; Mary Rodgers, 3810 Terrace street, \$400; Hugh Brady, 456 North 17th street, \$300; Oliver S. White, who died in the Methodist Hospital, \$200; John C. Miller, 2317 Mutter street, \$200; Maggie Hamilton, 753 Germantown avenue, \$200.

Personal property of Ann Carsons has been appraised at \$11,857.60. Estate of Robert Patrick O'Brien, \$589.53, and Ernest H. Clayton, \$500.

SUFFRAGE CAMPAIGN OPENS

Every Voter in City Will Be Reached in Educational Movement.

Every voter in Philadelphia will be reached by the educational campaign which has been launched by the Woman Suffrage party.

The Equal Franchise Society, with headquarters at 35 South 5th street, will take part in the work. The suffragists plan to reach the voters before the polls open before them at the November election.

Miss Caroline Katzenstein and Miss Mary H. Ingham, leaders in the suffrage movement, were appointed to canvass the city.

MASS-MEETING IN AID OF POOR IS PLANNED

Mayor, Councils and Many Organizations Invited to Attend and Help Unemployed.

Representatives of both chambers of Councils and all civic, fraternal, labor and commercial organizations have been invited to attend a mass-meeting which will be held in the People's Theatre, Kensington, on Sunday night, for the purpose of devising means to alleviate the suffering among the poor of that section.

Thousands of men are out of work and hundreds of families, according to the committee in charge of the meeting, are facing actual starvation.

According to the replies which have been received, it is expected that the meeting will be the largest of the kind that has been ever held here with a view of ameliorating the conditions existing among the poor and unemployed.

The Mayor sent a letter regretting his inability to address the meeting, but said he was in hearty sympathy with the movement and would do everything in his power to aid it.

Collector of the Port William Harry Congressman Michael Donahoe, the Rev. Dr. George Chalmers Richmond, Mrs. M. Ketchner, known as the "Angel of Kensington," and the presidents of most of the city's business associations have accepted invitations to make addresses.

Mr. Keely, president of the Kensington Board of Trade, will preside at the meeting and the committee in charge includes George E. Williams, chairman; James C. Frankston, J. W. Weller, John Walsh, Frank Wolf, James Irdale, William Hancock, president of the United Business Men's Association; Edward Weber, president of the North Front Street Business Men's Association; John C. Smith, Andrew J. Wilson, J. Stoll, Councilman A. M. Waldron, and John Breen, union organizer.

GANGSTERS SENT TO JAIL

Offender Boasts He Could Not Be Sentenced.

Boasts that "five votes in the house" would keep him out of jail, were denied this morning when John Rawle, 18 years old, of 1510 North Front street, and two other young men were arraigned before Magistrate Scott, in the Front and Master streets station, accused of disorderly conduct.

Rawle and John White, of 1214 East Oxford street, and Charles Steckenstein, of 1130 Frankford avenue, are members of the "Prowlers' Gang," the police say.

"I hear you said you couldn't go to jail because there are five votes in your house," Magistrate Scott said, when Rawle and his companions were brought before him.

"That's right," Rawle replied. "Well," said the Magistrate, "I'll give you all one day in jail for each vote. Five days."

Man Injured in Fire

In a small fire at the Philadelphia Club northwest corner of 13th and Walnut streets early today, John Holmes, who is employed at the club, was burned about the hands and arms. He is in Jefferson Hospital. Holmes was scrubbing the floor of the billiard room with gasoline. He used a scrubbing brush, and the friction of the gasoline on the wooden floor set fire to it. The flames spread rapidly.

He ran to the telephone and called the Electrical Bureau. Before the arrival of the firemen a maid threw rugs over the floor and smothered the flames. When the firemen arrived there was little for them to do. The fire burned a billiard table, a couch and a couple of Turkish rugs. The loss is \$700.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Fair tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature; fresh to strong north winds.

High barometric pressure continues over the eastern portion of the country, with the crest of the area north of Lake Ontario. It is causing fair weather and generally clear skies, with temperatures slightly below the normal at most places.

A shower of rain is reported from the central and southern plains States, but its eastward movement is very slow. Mild temperatures prevail throughout the great central valley, the plains States and the cold areas that appeared to be moving toward Lake region, with no decided changes during the last 24 hours. The colder areas that appeared to be moving in from the far northwest yesterday seem to have spent its force and has broken up.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Observations made at 8 a. m. eastern time.

Station Name, Lat., Long., Elev., Wind, Clouds, Precip., etc.

Ableton, Tex., 30 24, 95 10, 10 Clear

Abilene, Tex., 32 21, 101 10, 10 Clear

Albany, N. Y., 42 21, 73 55, 10 Clear

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